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## Polish-Soviet Boundary Change

Maps showing the present defacto Polish-Soviet boundary should incorporate changes in the 1945 boundary as the result of an exchange of territories. The exchanged areas are along the southern portion of the boundary, located roughly near (1) 24°10'E and 50°30'N (to the USSR) and (2) 22°40'E and 49°20'N (to Poland).

Background Information. In February 1951 Poland and the USSR signed an agreement providing for the change of territories of equal size (480 square kilometers), bringing about two changes on their common boundary which was established in 1945. Instruments of ratification were exchanged and the agreement went into effect in June 1951.

Plotting of the Changes on Maps. The demarcation maps showing the boundary changes are not available. (Nor have any other maps been seen which show the changes.) The new sectors can be plotted schematically, however, from the treaty text as it appeared in the Journal of the Supreme Soviet, No. 23, 14 July 1951. The schematic presentation of the new sectors is to appear on map CIA 12231, compiled at the scale of 1:500,000. It is felt that this scale is the largest at which the 1951 sectors can be plotted without a serious margin of error. However, the lines should still be qualified ("approximate alignment" or "schematic alignment") at this scale. On smaller scale maps, especially smaller than 1:1,000,000 this qualification may not be necessary at all times.

State Department Policy on the Changes. The new sectors are considered just as the remainder of the Polish-Soviet boundary, in the category of those "not necessarily recognized by the U. S. Government."

Note: This change has been incorporated on some CIA maps already. Series maps, some of which are published and which show the old boundary, could follow through with that portrayal if the series will be completed in the foreseeable future.

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